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NEVER FORGET 1985! NOW IS THE TIME TO FREE THE MOVE 9!

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Unity: MOVE's belief in true equality



Revolutionary solidarity
by Phil Africa

LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA!

On the MOVE!

I'm Phil Africa and I want to share with y'all the work **JOHN AFRICA** has done with me to save me from the "death style" I was trapped in while in this system. I grew up in what is known as the "Black Bottom" of West Phila. Went to all Black schools until going to junior high. Most of my dealing with White people were limited to the police, teachers, and store owners. Needless to say most of those dealings were not good ones.

I saw the ugly face of racism in a way that I first was able to understand at around the age of 13, when for no reason, after asking a cop a question about "why" they were harassing my brother, I was called a "nigger," and

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ONA MOVE AND LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA!

May 13, 2006 marks twenty-one years since the official bombing and premeditated murder of innocent MOVE men, women, babies and animals. We of MOVE will never allow people (official or unofficial) to forget the horrendous example of this rotten vicious system. An official massacre occurred that day yet nobody was arrested or prosecuted except Ramona Africa, the only adult to survive the massacre. If any unofficial person did one quarter of what officials did on May 12th and 13th of 1985, they would be arrested prosecuted and probably executed. Stanley Tookie Williams was executed for the accusation of killing four people that nobody saw him kill. Everybody saw and knows who murdered our family but none of those who are responsible were ever even arrested. Mumia Abu Jamal sits on death row for the accusation of the murder of one person but officials murdered eleven people and numerous animals yet they're not sitting on death row. Our family, The MOVE 9, have been in prison almost twenty-nine years now on thirty to one hundred year sentences for a murder that everybody, including officials, know they did not commit but these same officials murdered the babies of some of these same MOVE people yet none of these officials are sitting in prison beside MOVE people for murder. What makes this government hallucinate that it can demand that people respect it while demonstrating this kind of vicious example on people. We want people to understand clearly that when you take a stand against an injustice being done to anybody you are really taking a stand to protect yourself and your family by working to stop injustice. Nothing is going to improve for us, the people, unless we work for it. We cannot demand respect from anybody unless we respect ourselves first, respect ourselves enough that we will not allow ourselves to be disrespected. Nothing should be more important to us than our freedom, our security, our health and happiness. We cannot afford to be apathetic, our very lives are at stake.

The MOVE Organization

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told to get against a wall with my legs spread. At this point, while neighbors stood around watching, scared to death, the boot cop kicked me hard as he could in my testicles and then told me "go home nigger!" It woke me up and started me on the road of what I saw as a revolutionary. I've seen so much injustices heaped on Black folk by this system and experienced so much of it personally, that by the age of 16 I had developed a deep hate for White people period. I saw White people as being the root of all the problems in the world. In my early youth I was brought up with my roots in the church. I did not find the answers to the questions I wanted to know there, so moved on to looking in other directions for solutions to the problems I faced in my daily life of trying to survive within this system.

In high school I started checking out groups in Philly like the Black Panther Party (BPP) and Nation of Islam (NOI). I started getting together with other people I met who were of like mind with me, that White people were the cause of all the troubles we faced. It was easy to fall into the mindset of looking at White people to hate, when the reality of the conditions we lived under, the oppression we faced was created by the Whites in so-called control. At least that's how I saw things until coming into contact with the teaching of **JOHN AFRICA**.

Before **MOVE** my concept of solution was having Blacks take over everything, you know, the foolishness of the '60s that many of us played into making the "White house" Black. I had no real concept of right or wrong, other than the training of this system. I thought that all we had to do was put Blacks in all the places that Whites were in. Not until I met **MOVE** did I ever even think, that if what I saw White folks doing as wrong, then what difference would it make if Blacks took their place doing the same things. It was not until I came into contact with **MOVE** that I even thought of how off track my way of thinking was or just how much like the enemy I was. I never gave thought to

other folks of color, other poor folks, or the fact that not all of any people are wrong or the enemy. All I could see was Black. I was thinking of what I saw as my "own," the same way I saw those I called myself rebelling against do.

Not until I came in contact with the teachings of **JOHN AFRICA** did I start to see the real solution to problems as being found in anything outside of money, race, might. Y'all know how folks been trained to think that "money" is everything. Well,

THE COORDINATOR explained to me that "people are taught that money is a means of living and so long as people believe that

money is their life, then when their money is taken, their lives have been taken" and we see that in every day in how people will bow down to



oppression, sell out their struggles for a few pieces of silver! People are also taught that "might makes right" which is another lie trained into people's heads by this system to intimidate and control them. None of this did I really see or understand before **MOVE**. I never knew how much this system had trained me to be like the enemy I thought I was rebelling against, until I came to **MOVE**. It was not a easy truth to swallow believe me! Before meeting **MOVE**, I was ready to begin a mission of getting rid of White people! That was what I thought was the solution, getting rid of all White people! And I thought "Hitler" was bad, when my way of thinking was no better! It's how I thought before coming to **MOVE** and there were many more like me!

I thought all problems would be solved if we could just take the power out of "White" hands and put into "Black" hands. Before meeting

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Take Action! - Things you can do to support MOVE

- * Send stamps, phone cards, Kinko's copy cards or donations to help with the high cost of Phone calls, copies and mailing
- * Send donations directly to the MOVE Nine for postage, photo copying, and to pay for their pre-paid calls. To send them donations, you must send money orders only. (addresses on page 9)
- * Write to different news media/papers in your area, in Philadelphia and in the papers near the prisons where the MOVE Nine are being held demanding justice for MOVE.
- * Encourage Bookstores and/or organizations to buy our book "25 Years On the MOVE" in bulk at a discounted rate so that MOVE info is available in your area.
- * Arrange speaking engagements for Ramona Africa or other MOVE members.
- * Write, Fax, Call the following:
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- * Demand an investigation into the unjust imprisonment of innocent MOVE members!
- * Organize fund raisers like musical benefits, dinners, drives, etc. to help pay for organizing activities and to pay for the fight to free the MOVE Nine.
- * Start a chapter of Friends of MOVE

Write to a MOVE Prisoner

The MOVE 9 have been locked down for 27 years. Mumia has spent over 24 years on deathrow. Write them a letter to encourage their fierce example!

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MOVE Guidelines

To quote **JOHN AFRICA**, quote,
"What a family we are when we're one force, a unit, a powerful force that no system can equal, for we have the power of life as our ally, my mama, our mama, the life force of MOVE, no divisional thing can ever defeat us as long as we honor the grip of the family, no matter how hopeless life's work may yet seem, the power that's needed will never betray MOVE, we are strong as a family, we are rich as a family, we are true as a family, our way is together for we are one force, we are one power and one is the power no man can split up," end quote

LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA!



New MOVE Documentary is now being distributed

The new documentary, titled "MOVE" is highly in demand and now available for purchase. After touring film festivals and winning awards internationally this film is now in distribution. To obtain your own copy please contact
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JOHN AFRICA I spoke of unity but never did I include ALL OF LIFE in that concept! Never did I think in terms of unity meaning to include the water, air, soil, all living things in my way of thinking. It was not until I met

JOHN AFRICA that I came to understand that all life is united/one and it is only this system that teaches the poison of separation that breeds division, disunity, weakness, prejudice, hate and disrupts the harmony of life. It is

JOHN AFRICA who taught me that "the earth is food, without earth the seed is dead, without the seed the earth is dead, without food all life is dead for it ain't the cabbage that is the food, it is the life in the cabbage that keep you alive, earth is life, the cabbage is earth, when you eat the cabbage you are



eatin' the soil just as surely as you are drinkin' your breath with every swallow of water when thirsty!" **LONG LIVE**

THE COORDINATOR! See how easy **JOHN AFRICA** explain how all life is one and bound together in unity. I

thank **JOHN AFRICA** everyday for opening my eyes to the truth and putting me on the path of true revolution. He truly saved my life, in fact gave me life because I was dead before MOVE. **LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA FOREVER!**

I don't know if I would have called myself a "Black Nationalist" back before MOVE or not. I just felt that Black was right and White was wrong and to make things right Whites had to go. It took MOVE Law to show me how the solution to all problems is found in doing the mental work to break free of this system training that enslaves people and addicts people into enslaving themselves, divides people, separates people from the rest of life.

JOHN AFRICA shows me how the real enemy is a mentality, not a skin color. It's a mentality that cause people to allow themselves to be enslaved by any one! It's a mentality that cause people to go fight wars that ain't theirs to fight. It's a mentality that cause wars period! It's a mentality that cause people to put money before life! It's an insane mentality created by this system, that got folks wrongly thinking that life ain't important! This system wants people to be at one another's throats to keep them from rightfully going after this system's throat!

I look back on those days before MOVE and see how off base I was about what is the needed solution to the problems folks face in this world. With all the things I thought could be corrected just by being Black, as if just being Black or any skin color was the solution to stop family breakups, make folks love one another, raise their children right, be able to teach how to be good mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, etc. In MOVE I came to see that when things are right then they are things that are needed by all of life regardless of the color of the skin or whether they are labeled as being human or animal!

All living beings want the same for their off spring, be they so-call human, bird, lion, insect, plant, or other life form. Fact is that for change for the better to take place, it will take good, hard **MEN-TAL** work and I didn't learn that until I came to MOVE! I didn't learn until MOVE that it takes more than color, location, or finances to make a person right, free, or good folk. It takes a complete commitment and understanding that ALL LIFE IS ONE and I didn't come to that understanding till I met

THE COORDINATOR! I thank

JOHN AFRICA everyday for bringing me to the understanding of what true unity is and how it's needed by all living things, like anything that's right is!

I never gave thought that being a good father, husband, or brother was being revolutionary until I met

JOHN AFRICA. I never gave thought to how the air works in unity with my

lungs until it was explained to me by **JOHN AFRICA**. I never gave thought to how all things in life work in unity with all other things of life and that people must be no different. For there to be a true revolution there must be unity and for there to be unity folks must learn to embrace all life and break free of this system's mentality that breeds the notion of difference. Separation is a word, it is not to be applied and should not be taught, for while you will say that a sister is different than a brother, the brother, the sister, is of the same mother. Difference is something that is taught, just like racism, sexism, and all other "isms" created by this rotten system. Solidarity is unity, without unity you can't have revolution.

I'll close this with a statement from **JOHN AFRICA**, "a revolutionary must be of one mind, driven by one

force, in one direction, a revolutionary must understand the advantage of one mind, one force, one direction, a revolutionary must be willing to apply this principle so that the mind can be set to one aim, the aim of revolution for it is this single aim that will thrust you onward when all else fails."

LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA!

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LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA'S

REVOLUTION AND DOWN WITH

THIS ROTTEN ASS REFORM WORLD SYSTEM!

"The Sun shines on us without prejudice": an interview with Carlos Africa

My mother and father were both born and raised in Puerto Rico. They came here in the early fifties. My brothers and me were born here in Philadelphia. Coming up as a Puerto Rican I experienced a lot of racism. Puerto Ricans, because of the way they were trained, were taught to see light skinned Puerto Ricans, or white people as superior to us.

When I first went to kindergarten, I still remember the teacher telling me something in English. When I first went to school all I knew how to speak was Spanish. Because I couldn't understand what she was saying they'd be hollering at me, just hollering. Then they'd grab me eventually and make me do what they were telling me to do in English, which I didn't understand until I started learning some English later on. I remember going to Junior High School and experiencing the racism there even more.

The Junior High School I went to was in a neighborhood called "Fishtown." It wasn't our neighborhood and we used to get chased by white kids. They called us "spic," "nigger," "nigger-spics." We had to fight the Fishtown kids because to them we were inferior. That stuff was in my head because I started to take that in and feel like Puerto Ricans and Blacks were inferior to white people.

It wasn't until I came to MOVE and met the MOVE Organization that the word "equality" actually existed; without prejudice, without racism. I remember asking MOVE members when I first met them if they had white members. Hispanic members, because the only one's I'd seen at that point were black members. They said they do have white members, Hispanic members, and members from all different nationalities, including Asian. And they explained to me that

MOVE's response to Playboy, which was printed in Playboy's February 2006 edition after being edited to omit important information

ONA MOVE! The MOVE Organization is responding to the article on MOVE that appeared on page 53 of the May 2005 issue of Playboy Magazine. In speaking about the 1985 police bombing of our MOVE family, the author of that article (who did not sign their name to it) says "the group's aberrant sanitation policies and ranting made it a menace to those unfortunate enough to live nearby" and that "MOVE ruined the quality of life of those around it." These comments attempt to justify the bombing and murder of our family, something that cannot be justified. The fact is that the author of that article has never been to a MOVE home, never talked to a MOVE person, did not live in our neighborhood so therefore has no personal knowledge of any of these accusations leveled at us, he is just repeating the lies the news media spread about us after the bombing. It should be noted also that whoever wrote the article never contacted MOVE for a comment or any information. These accusations are false, but even if they were true, it still does not justify bombing and burning innocent men, women, babies, and animals alive. Furthermore, when has this government ever cared about how Black people live or cared about Black people complaining about their neighbors? This government's attitude toward compensating Osage Ave. residents and more recently its attitude toward the people in New Orleans, predominantly Black people, is proof of just how little government cares about the plight of Black people in this country, yet readers are expected to accept this nonsense as justification for murdering our family. Understand, it is not **JOHN AFRICA'S** MOVE Organization that has "ruined the quality of life" government has done that. How does the author of that article overlook government-sanctioned corporations that pour tons of poison in our water, air, and soil? People buy bottled water because tap water is full of chemical poison. More people than ever are walking around with oxygen tanks and suffering with asthma because of poison in the air. MOVE is not responsible for the children poisoned in Tom's River, New Jersey of Love Canal, New York. MOVE doesn't spray food with poison called pesticides that give people cancer, government sanctioned corporations do. MOVE didn't spray agent-orange on American soldiers, making them critically ill, the American government did. When MOVE people used our loud speaker, we were talking about our nine innocent family members that are unjustly imprisoned with hundred year sentences, we were speaking out in defense of our innocent family members and against an injustice. We were not ranting incoherently or this government would never have felt threatened enough to drop a bomb on us. This government viciously murdered MOVE people because we were exposing it, because of what we were saying, not because of how loud we said it on a bullhorn. Where is the sense in bombing and burning down a neighborhood out of concern, protection of the neighborhood? Finally, this government murdered innocent MOVE people because government had a problem with MOVE exposing it for the lies, injustice, and treachery this government spits on its citizens and ALL LIFE, not because a handful of Black people on Osage Ave. had a problem with MOVE.

THE MOVE ORGANIZATION



From Playboy Magazine's May 2005 Issue: *Philly in Flames: A Government Raid Revisited*

Twenty years ago this month, America watched on countless TV screens as a helicopter flew low over a residential city block, dropped a bomb and sped off as a huge explosion demolished a row house from within. The scene wasn't a newsreel from a distant war or a made-for-TV blow-em-up-it was the national news, live from Philadelphia, May 13, 1985. Among colossal and deadly government screwups, the bombing of the headquarters of the back-to-nature group called MOVE is arguably the worst. The body count—five children, six adults—surpasses that of the Ruby Ridge incident, in which U.S. marshals and the FBI killed the wife and son of white supremacist Randy Weaver. And unlike the assault on the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, in which 80 cult members perished, the collateral damage in Philadelphia was severe: By the end of the day an entire city block lay in ruins, and 250 residents unaffiliated with MOVE were homeless.

A communal group that married hippie naturism and Black Panther-style militancy, MOVE had been in trouble almost from its founding by **JOHN AFRICA** in the early 1970s. In a previous building, the group had spurned garbage collection and plumbing; its backyard was a field of rotting food and excrement, attracting rats, cockroaches, and stray cats and dogs. Complaining of harassment and unwarranted beatings at the hands of police, MOVE stockpiled weapons and erected a barricade around its house. On August 8, 1978, police arrived to serve bench warrants for several group members; a shoot-out ensued in which officer James Ramp took a bullet in the back of the neck and died. At the trial Judge Edwin Malmel's bizarre ruling sent a "family" of nine MOVE members to jail for 30 to 100 years, despite the likelihood that Ramp was the victim of friendly fire. Galvanized by a cause—"Free the MOVE Nine"—remaining members moved into a row house at 6221 Osage Avenue in west Philadelphia. Day and night, using bullhorns, members raged against the city in profanity-laden diatribes. Again sanitation and vermin were issues, again the police came to oust the group, and again, on that May day 20 years ago, things went horribly wrong. Still, the MOVE story will never make civil libertarian's A-list of government atrocities. Race is the easy explanation for the incident—but it's not the main one. In an urban environment, the group's aberrant sanitation policies and ranting made it a menace to those unfortunate enough to live nearby. MOVE ruined the quality of life of those around it. For libertarians, that's an unforgivable sin.



JOHN AFRICA had taught them that in life racism and prejudice do not exist, that the racism and prejudice that we experience in the system came from man, from the system, and that has nothing to do with life. They told me that if I was to stand out in the sun, with a black, Puerto Rican, white person, neo-Nazi, dog, cat, rat, that sun would shine on us without prejudice, equally. The air we breathe, we all breathe equally. Mama, the force of nature, the force of life feeds all of us equally, without prejudice. We can see the example that you don't have people out here saying you have more air than I do or you get more sun than I do. There's plenty of sun and plenty of air.

In the system you experience people that are poor, middle class, rich, or whatever but nobody is treated equally in the system. You got people that work for 2 or 3 dollars an hour and those that work for 100 dollars an hour. You got poor neighborhoods, middle class neighborhoods, and rich neighborhoods.

That's how this system functions, that's what it's based on, it ain't got nothing to do with equality. They say that man is created equal but the first thing they ask when you get a job is what nationality are you? Black, white or other? What's the purpose of asking that if all man is created equal? But the first thing you've got to decide is if you're black, white or other.

I want to explain too that when I actually met **THE COORDINATOR** how **THE COORDINATOR** treated not just the MOVE members, but all life, the animals, the trees, the water, all equal, without prejudice. It's an experience that stays with you forever because never in the system did I feel that kind of equality from anybody in the system, only from **THE COORDINATOR**. I was taught to see **JOHN AFRICA** as a black man and I thought I would be treated different from black MOVE members, but **THE COORDINATOR** loved, cared, and showed attention to all of us equally including the animals, the babies, and the women. And that's something that stayed with me; it left a real strong impression on me. There's nowhere in the system that I ever felt that way and I've been all over the world. Equality. And love and family like that of **THE COORDINATOR**.

All I ever felt in the system was the racism I experienced all my life. Even coming up as a Puerto Rican we were so beat down and mistreated by the system that we were taught that we were better than blacks.

That racism was put in us. Because we were taught that we were below the white race and just having us clashing. I lived in a neighborhood that was blacks and Puerto Ricans but the whites moved out. We couldn't live in the white neighborhoods.

I come to find out later being in MOVE that that's all over the world. That's how people have been trained in the system since the inception of the system, which has nothing to do with life. Life has never spit racism on no form of life, the air, the sun, the water, and the earth. The earth naturally feeds all of us, all of life. As

THE COORDINATOR explained the imbalance of racism came from the system, from man, from violation.

The cops tried to use racism against me to try to turn me against the organization because I remember in May 20, 1977 confrontation, during that whole year some of the things the cops kept saying to me was, "you ain't black, you Puerto Rican, what you doing in there with all them niggers? I know they don't treat you the same as they treat each other." Trying to cause dissension amongst us. But what I found out then was that all throughout that confrontation that year was that they had black, white, and Hispanic cops out there working together. They had our house surrounded that whole year what happened was we was in that house unified, together, as **JOHN AFRICA** taught us, showed us.

The strategy of **JOHN AFRICA** was overwhelming. We was in that house and we all come from the system before we came to MOVE but because of the teachings of **JOHN AFRICA**, the example of **JOHN AFRICA**, we stayed unified, together. We wasn't fighting and calling each other niggers, spics, crackers, or whatever. There were white, black, Hispanic, Asian members at headquarters. But the police, as the days, weeks, months, went on, they had to start separating the black and white cops because of that racism coming out in them white cops. Them black cops got to the point when they got fed up with that racism because of how they were calling our women "black bitches," or "black nigger bitches," "spics," and that started spilling out of them cops and they started arguing with each other. And it was several incidents that we saw where they started fighting each other. And it ain't no surprise to the MOVE organization and it ain't no surprise

to anybody at this point because we all know first hand the racism that exists in the police force. How treacherous and lying this police force is throughout the system, worldwide. I know that if it wasn't for **JOHN AFRICA**, for **JOHN AFRICA's** teachings, that none of us, no MOVE members would have been able to pull in together, hang in together, that whole year in headquarters and overcame that. Them cops had to separate because of the racism. Ain't nothing unified about no damn police force. They were getting a check every month. We were in there because of our belief for life. We wanted to get that stranglehold of the system off of life, not just human life but all life. The animals in the zoo, circuses, the fish in the ocean that are being killed off, destroyed, murdered and that's something that that system don't have to offer, can't give us, can't give nobody unless they offer you a dollar bill which has no feeling and nothing to do with life.

When we got arrested in Rochester they grabbed us all at different positions, different parts of the city. They waited until we were scattered out. They raided us and arrested us because they had illegal bench warrants out for us for years. It was a swat team, the FBI, the ATF, the Philadelphia police. When they arrested us they took us to the FBI building in Rochester and at one point, I remember they brought me out the prison cell and took me to the office and one of the things that they were saying to me was that I didn't have to go to jail if I didn't want to. They don't know why I would want to go to jail for MOVE for **JOHN AFRICA**. "What has he done for me?" I explained to them that "what were they talking about? They must be sick." They got to the point when they offered me hundreds of thousands of dollars for me to finance an anti-gang program in Philadelphia, in a Puerto Rican neighborhood to help my people. "You can do more for your Puerto Rican people like that than through MOVE, **JOHN AFRICA**." An organization that they said didn't have any money.

I told them that I wasn't in MOVE because of money. When I came in MOVE one of the things that I had that was seriously wrong with me was that I believed in money and I believed in this system. My own situation was that I was an epileptic. I had seizures all the time when I was in the system. They started when I was fifteen years old. And the seizures stopped when

I came into the MOVE organization, when I met **JOHN AFRICA's** family and **JOHN AFRICA** was able to cure me of those seizures as he did other MOVE members before me. In the system they sent me to doctors, hospitals, and medication to so-called control the seizures. But they didn't even control the seizures; I still had seizures when I was taking them medications because the system was causing the seizures. The system, believing in the money that they were trying to offer me, because all they was trying to do was split us apart, to get me to move away from MOVE. As I kept explaining to them that I didn't come to MOVE for money but for what I believe in. Money didn't have nothing to do with it.

They told me that they would send me to the most racist federal prison in the united states, out in Utah, Montana, just making threats to me and I told them that I wouldn't mind going to Utah, Montana, because I had never been there and I would like to see it. They grabbed me by my neck and threw me out the room and told me to rot in hell, rot in prison, that's what the hell they was going to send me to.

That exposes just what they believe in, and what they are. I knew at that point that this system, this government, the FBI, that they don't care nothing about me but all they wanted to do was to throw me away. To pull all MOVE members away from **JOHN AFRICA** because they made similar offers to other MOVE members, as well as white MOVE members. But to be in MOVE has nothing to do with money. **JOHN AFRICA** explained that life is strong, life is right. This system is wrong. It's easier to be strong and right than to be wrong. There were several cops that came from Philadelphia to Rochester and I remember some of them saying that, they didn't say it in front of their superiors but they said it on the side. They said that they know that **JOHN AFRICA** got something that's right but they not willing to go all the way with it. This shows how there's no getting around the truth, even those devious cops and agents saw it, they just aren't strong enough to stand up for the truth. Because of **JOHN AFRICA**, the MOVE Organization can stand up, and can encourage others to do the same.

LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA!

Smash Oppression down to its rotten root: an Interview with Mike Africa Sr.

The following information is taken from an interview Brother Raekwon Muenda conducted with Mike Africa Sr., one of the MOVE 9. Brother Raekwon, from Sacramento, CA, is a strong MOVE supporter, who engineered a CD filled with interviews with Mike Africa, called "Talking Revolution." To hear the interview in its entirety contact MOVE to purchase this CD. All proceeds benefit the MOVE 9.

MA: Anytime you're talking about accepting any part of oppression you're not talking about distancing yourself from all oppression. It can't be a thing where, "as long as you're not bothering my people, but forget about the struggles of the Papua New Guinea, the brothers over there going through it, or the Congo, or Uganda, or Croatia, or wherever in this world, or the animals, the baby seals." When you're accepting oppression, you're accepting oppression; you're allowing it to exist and to spread again. "We got to leave these brothers alone because they're resisting real heavy, but we're going to go over here and smash these baby seals or we're going to go over here in Uganda and let 6 year olds be soldiers, kidnap them, and rape the 11 year old girls." You got to smash oppression down to its rotten root.



RM: *Elaborate on the organizations, we don't have to name any, but we have so many, yet it seems like the majority of them worry about their people. If I'm not a Muslim or a Christian, I get left out, or if I'm not Black I get left out.*

MA: That's a tactic also used by the oppressor to divide and conquer. But ultimately, they think that if we only worry about this one aspect then we'll be all right. That's what makes **JOHN AFRICA** so unique is that **JOHN AFRICA** is recognizing it as total and attacking it in its totality, that's what made this thing truly revolutionary. People are not aware that they are being separated like that. To attack it that way is to keep it separate and to continue to help the oppressor when you focus on the one side and not on all sides. "Ok, we want to help this brother, but we won't work with this one." They don't realize that they are helping the oppressor when they do that. That's the tactic that the oppressor uses when he sends the Irish after the Germans or the Germans after the Catholics or the Catholics after the Protestants. You focus on this one little thing. The union workers will keep Blacks out and focus on one class. When you divide yourself you divide your strength, you weaken it, and ultimately it helps them. You have amultifaceted front instead of one force coming at they ass.

RM: *The religion of the MOVE family, which is life, covers everything. You're not excluding anything, including the earth.*

MA: It's not excluding any life. That's total revolution.

Resisting the oppression of Youth and Elders from interviews with Whit and Ray Africa

JOHN AFRICA teaches that a true revolutionary honors the principle of equality. He made MOVE people aware of training, prejudices, imposed on us by the system, in order to rid ourselves of these limitations. All our lives, as children, and as adults, we have been taught to see children as less than ourselves. Children are to be talked down to, "seen and not heard," dealt with when the adult is interested, attended to when unavoidable, but a burden. Children "don't have sense" and certainly not wisdom. Children are told, "experience comes with age," to listen "to what parents say, but not what they do," and to obey whether parents are right or wrong.

The system has taught this disrespect for LIFE. Schools don't teach their students to respect animals. But animals breathe the same air as humans—doesn't that make us equal? But the system strips people of a belief in equality. Parents don't have the capacity to respect their children, when naturally they would. Children breathe the same air as their parents, and yet the system creates separation. This is the system's tactic to divide people, separate, and control them.

Likewise, our elders are considered a burden. Though they bore and raised us, once they reach old age they can only be attended to when it is unavoidable. This isn't due to complete maliciousness on the part of adults. The system makes life this way. Modern civilized living is so complicated and busy that there realistically aren't hours in the day to care for children and the elderly sufficiently. And people nowadays can't afford to miss hours at a job out of survival. So, people seek alternate solutions, such as retirement homes for the elderly and day care centers for kids. Despite wanting to be around their family, adults nowadays realistically cannot spend time with them.

This separation perpetuates prejudice against children and the elderly. Adults feel superior to kids and the elderly. Kids in particular resent this attitude and act out or cause trouble as protest. They resent adults acting like they can just lie or tell a kid anything to quiet them. Adults act like kids are there for their convenience, but don't consider the real needs of the child.

It is disrespect for the elderly, too, that allows adults to put their parents in those homes. But we all breathe the same air, we all drink the same water, which means, despite our age we are equal. God made us all so why would God make something lesser than another? Is God prejudiced? No, God is not prejudiced, but man doesn't recognize that all stages of life, from child to elder, are necessary and important.

JOHN AFRICA teaches MOVE people to look to animals for examples. Animals treat their children and elders with equality. Therefore, we should all be treated the same and appreciated for what we can offer. Children, with fresh eyes and innocence, are full of wisdom and knowledge. They can simplify any situation and constantly gravitate to what is raw, organic, natural, LIFE. The elderly have a lifetime of experience and patience to bless their family. They are sages and should be honored. **JOHN AFRICA** illuminated these prejudices so that MOVE people could work past them, and honor the grip of the family. In MOVE, children and the elderly are revered. Children know they can speak their minds, and correct adults when they are wrong. Their fierce example strengthens the adults, who in turn can better love and care for their offspring. This balance is true equality, unity.

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LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA'S REVOLUTION

Fighting Chauvinism by Eddie Africa

On the MOVE!

My name is Edward Africa of the MOVE Organization. This is concerning the issue of chauvinism. It is the disease of confusion taught to system men from birth and imposed on women from birth. Chauvinism is the idea that women are inferior and therefore to be treated as less than equal to men. It is the confusion of looking at women only for sex, childbearing, housekeepers but never as equals, never as a true partner. The men of this system will claim they don't think of women this way and so when confronted by it they act as if they are being accused wrongly and attempt to put the blame on the women. These are the same men you hear claiming they don't understand women.

Chauvinism is telling an 8 year old boy he is the man of the house while Daddy is gone even though there are older females in the home, causing confusion in the boy because his older sisters won't obey him. Chauvinism is having problems and thinking that you, the man, are the brains of the house and if you, the man, can't figure it out it can't be corrected because you have already assumed the woman can't figure it out as that system conditioning won't allow you to accept advice, correction, from a woman. Men get upset if women attempt to offer advice because they have been taught that the women is supposed to follow, obey, listen to the man even if he is wrong. This is the kind of arrogance and confusion that interferes with men and women coming together completely!

You will see women handle certain jobs, positions, and system men will accuse her of trying to act like a man, do a man's job. They feel challenged when dealing with a strong woman because in their confused eye she is not in her place. Even the weakest men seek out women who they feel are weaker than them. The same for so-called strong men.

In prison I've dealt with men who get depressed because their lady is able to stand on her own without him. That chauvinism in his head makes him feel she doesn't need him because she hasn't fallen apart in his absence and has in fact begun to demonstrate a strength that he ignored and tried to suppress while he was there with her. This double standard imposed on women by men has created a condition where system men deliberately encourage system females to act weak, subservient, less than the men. This system trait is called being "feminine."



JOHN AFRICA, the MOVE Organization's COORDINATOR teaches all MOVE people to be as strong as they can be, male and female. All MOVE people are encouraged to push themselves to be all they can be and not hold back. Under the law of MAMA, God, LIFE, male and female work together, each doing their part as they are both equally important, equally necessary, partners. MAMA's standards are based on health, righteousness, clarity, while system men standards are based only on physical strength. Man has created a standard where the scales are designed by him, for him, and exclude the female from the beginning and so when a female demonstrates strength she is called a "tomboy," told she is acting like a man and should act more feminine, which in the system of man means weak!

This attitude of inequality is passed down from generation to generation by system men and women who have been conditioned to accept this confusion, causing all kinds of questions in the females mind as to what her role truly is because to act weak is not natural and therefore not acceptable unless conditioned to do so. **JOHN AFRICA** is working to eliminate the disease of chauvinism and replacing it with natural strength, health, loyalty to what's right, true, equal! System men will push their mates to be weak and then complain when they demonstrate weakness. From **JOHN AFRICA** to all women, be as strong as you can be. Be healthy, honest, loyal to what's right for you, put your faith in the Law of MAMMA, God, LIFE and not in the confusion of man's system!

On the MOVE!

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MAN, SUPERIOR + WOMAN, INFERIOR = DIVORCE by Janet, Janine, and Debbie Africa

One of the most talked about issues today is relationships-people don't understand why relationships don't work, why so many marriages fail and end in divorce. Everybody is searching for the solution to this problem. What **MOVE** people have learned from **JOHN AFRICA** is that marriages don't work because of the systematic training that man is superior to woman. Throughout history people have been taught that man controls everything on earth, including women. The established rules of society have always seen that man reigns supreme, that he is king of the castle, that women are a man's property, his chattel, a slave who should be subservient to man. Women didn't have the right to own property, didn't have the right to go to school, to vote, to have their own money. Women didn't really have the right to their own life. Fathers forced their daughters to marry who they wanted them to whether the daughters wanted to marry or not. Once married he husband owned the wife. If she didn't produce a son, the husbands would get rid of the wife, put them in mental institutes, divorce or kill her and the female baby, because it was a man-child that they wanted.

This mentality is still in most men and ruling society today. It's just more subtle, diplomatic, and done more "politically correct." Even though women have the right to own their own property, go to school, pick their own husbands, they are still seen and treated as inferior to men and seen as the weaker sex." This is nothing but a crystallized form of prejudice that was forced on women throughout history, the same as slavery was forced on Blacks. Blacks were forced to accept slavery by being whipped, raped, arrested and feathered, shackled but they still didn't like it, they hated it. And presented the people who enslaved for them. That hate and resentment for white people is still in a lot of Blacks today.

It's the same with a lot of

women; they have been forced to accept that chauvinistic training about men being superior and treating women inferior. Women resent this. This is what causes the conflict in relationships, marriages, because it's natural to love and respect your man but that systematic training interferes with the natural instinct, the principle of marriage. It breeds hate, separation, and divorce. Nobody can love somebody who treats you like you're stupid, incompetent, weak, and inferior. Whether men realize it or not, that's how most men treat women, as a result of all this being put in their head from childhood. Men don't have confidence in women, they don't trust them, don't feel they are qualified to do a "man's job," not responsible to handle administrative decisions. Men don't accept or trust female doctors, mechanics, plumbers etc. Men prefer hiring men for these jobs. Men see women as making decisions through emotions. They see women as hysterical and needing to be handled delicately. Which makes men condescending towards women when important decisions have to be made.

How can a relationship, marriage, last with this obstacle between men and women? **JOHN AFRICA** has removed this obstacle out of **MOVE** people's way by cutting down that system training of superior/inferior.

JOHN AFRICA teaches all life is equal, all life has a purpose, and is equally important to the balance of life. And this is how **JOHN AFRICA** encourages **MOVE** people to treat each other and all forms of life. Men naturally have more physical strength than women but it doesn't make them superior, no more than it makes them inferior because they can't give birth like women. It's just the natural coordination of life. Birds can fly, lions can't, does that make one better than the other? No! It's just the natural coordination of life. This is the wisdom of **JOHN AFRICA** that **MOVE** lives by and it's this teaching that has **MOVE**

are, we are working as one. People don't need to congregate in any one location to overturn this monster system oppressing us all. If we each fight strategically where we are, the system will have nowhere to run. And while we recognized certain differences in belief, those are not important compared to all that unites us. As long as we work together in fighting this system, our differences will be worked out along the way.

I want to recognize those whose work enabled **MOVE**'s Spanish tour: Francesc, Roser, Oskar, Alex, Fernan, Fran, Georgina, Joel, Corinna, Gorka, Ignacio, Ada, Jose, Silvan, Laura, Ana, Peter, Sin, Kike, Regli, Sole, Rafia, and many many others. They have formed a cohesive network to organize and resist this system. Those at Radio Bronka are airing interviews with **MOVE** as well as songs by Kevin Price or their rotation. They facilitated interviews with news media as far reaching as French Guinea. We thank them for their work, and feel it's impact across the sea.

This trip demonstrated the extent of resistance against this system. The system continually propagates the myth that those resisting are a tiny, easily defeated minority. The fact that they feel the need to continually push that lie is suspect, but with travel it's easy to see how the opposite is true. This system is so oppressive, repressive, and demonic, globally, that the majority of people are in opposition. The only missing piece is direction for this resistance. **JOHN AFRICA** has set an example for **MOVE** of strategic resistance to this system that despite this system's cruel attempt to stop **MOVE** on May 13, 1985, has nonetheless reached and inspired people worldwide. This system will stop; it has to because it cannot sustain itself. All we have to do as resisters is to set the example of how to live without it, how to live beyond it. **MOVE** has set that example and people from Catalonia, Basque Country, Spain, and beyond are working in solidarity. **LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA!**



MOVE and supporters in Mostoles, Spain

MOVE and Supporters in Bilbao, Basque Country



MOVE's Tour of Spain By Maiga Milbourne

(MOVE's slogan in Spanish and English)

En la ley natural nos confiamos

Todos alabamos de la orden de la vida

El poder de la verdad es final

Que viva MOVE!

Que viva Revolución!

Que viva **JOHN AFRICA!**

Que viva **JOHN AFRICA!**

Que viva **JOHN AFRICA!**

On the MOVE!

In natural law we trust

All praises to the order of life

The power of truth is final

Long Live MOVE!

Long Live Revolution!

LONG LIVE **JOHN AFRICA!**

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On the MOVE!

In November, Friends of MOVE throughout Spain organized a speaking tour for Ramona Africa and two MOVE Supporters, Kevin Price and Maiga Milbourne. Friends of MOVE Barcelona shouldered much of the work of creating this speaking tour. Longtime supporter, activist, and attorney, Francesc Arnau, who travels to the US annually to visit with Mumia, the MOVE 9, Marshall Eddie Conway, and other political prisoners, has tirelessly worked to translate MOVE literature into both Spanish and Catalan and distributed information widely within Spain and the Spanish speaking world. He also has chronicled his experiences demonstrating and visiting political prisoners within the US, which he uses to educate his community. As more people globally have been introduced to MOVE and its example, people in Spain wanted information first hand. Friends of MOVE organized a series of concerts and other fundraisers to raise the money to bring Ramona and supporters there.

During the 18-day trip, Ramona and supporters spoke in Barcelona, La Terassa, Valencia, Albacete, Mostoles, Madrid, Zarautz, Bilbao, Durango, Iruna/Pamplona, Lleida, and Monllieu, before returning for more engagements in Barcelona. Committed supporters, Oskar and Alex took time off from their work to personally make the tour throughout Catalonia, Spain, and Basque Country. The majority of the talks were held at squats, though some were also given at the University of Barcelona and community centers. Those attending heard first hand about MOVE Law, and how this belief compelled MOVE members to confront the system. Ramona detailed the history of MOVE since it emerged aboveground in the early 1970s. During each talk, Mumia and the MOVE 9's case updates were given. Oskar audio-recorded each talk, which he plans to transcribe into pamphlets and other literature. Other attendees also made their own recordings.

Spanish, Catalanian, and Basque people have strong histories of resistance and this is evident in their current battles. All have political prisoners, and strong campaigns for their freedom. They also work actively in solidarity with movements within Europe, as well as internationally, in support of Mumia, the MOVE 9, Marshall Eddie Conway, Leonard Peltier, and others. The squatter's movement is also thriving, which confronts the government on multiple issues including: lack of affordable housing, but more so on people's independence from authoritarianism. MOVE's example of withholding against Rizzo's blockade in 1978 inspired some squatters, who were defending their squat on the outskirts of Barcelona from police demolition.

The trip exemplified how there are no borders in our fight against this system. Whether or not we know the specific details of oppression in each geographic location or not, we can count on the fact that there is in fact oppression. As long as this system exists, there will be no safe haven. Our common resistance unites us. In Spain, we encountered family in this revolution. Ramona emphasized in each city that we are united. As long as we resist wherever we

men respecting MOVE women and MOVE women respecting MOVE men and MOVE men and women respecting our children; all MOVE people respecting all of life. This is why MOVE marries work because we respect each other. This respect instills trust and trust engenders love. This is why our family is united because we apply the same principle to each other. Because of **JOHN AFRICA** MOVE people don't engage in any form of prejudice. This not only makes us close to each other

but it makes people outside of MOVE respect us and get close to us. People we have been around are quick to say how much they love MOVE people. They feel this way because of how caring, sensitive, fairly we treat everybody, no matter their gender, color, religion, or lifestyle. We don't care if you're money rich or poor, illiterate or educated, we treat everybody the same. This is why people love us. The way people outside of our belief grow to love us as they get to know us can give you an idea of how close we feel to MOVE men without fear of getting hit or abused in any way. MOVE men don't hide their feelings from MOVE women in fear of getting hurt, or only talk to other MOVE men about their feelings. MOVE men and women talk to each other and resolve any situation between us. That is such a secure feeling to know that you can do this with your mate, brother, sister. That's the power of **JOHN AFRICA!**
LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA!

MOVE people know what men and women are going through in this system. The frustration, hurt, disappointment of troubled or failed relationships. Before MOVE, we went through the same thing but because of

JOHN AFRICA we have been freed from that vicious cycle. We now have the tools, the direction to make a strong marriage, a strong family.

JOHN AFRICA is making the solution to this and all problems available to everybody through the example of MOVE people. It's just up to people to take advantage of this example.
LONG LIVE JOHN AFRICA FOREVER!

On the MOVE!

Janet, Debbie, Janine Africa



Merle Africa was killed in prison on March 13, 1998. Her vibrant example lives on today in her families' dedication to LIFE.
LONG LIVE MERLE AFRICA!

The Example of Sue Africa

by Kevin Price

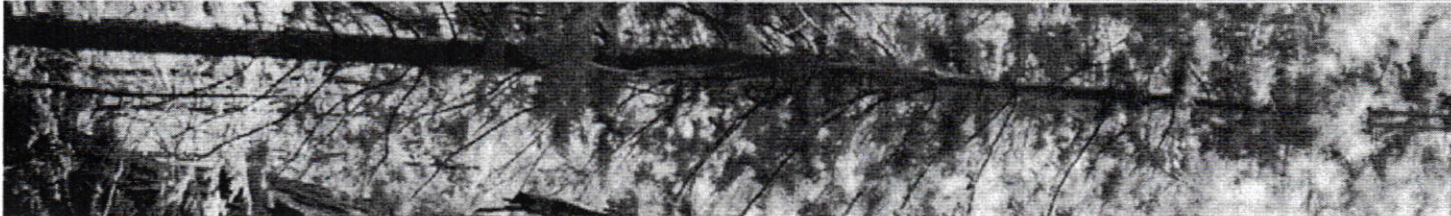
Strength. That was the only word I could think of the first time I met Sue Africa, Minister of Confrontation of the MOVE Organization. But it was not a strength I could identify, not something I had experienced before. Her strength struck me in a way that is hard to describe - her seriousness and forceful tone balanced with motherly care that radiated like the glow of health from her skin. There is something about the tone in her voice that commands urgency, demands your full attention and action.

The other thing that I noticed the first time I met Sue Africa is that she is a white woman. In my head I could not put these things together, couldn't understand how she could be this way. Not to say that white women aren't or can't be strong, she is living proof of the exact opposite. It is that in all of my years living in white suburbia, growing up around soccer moms, I had seen the fight systematically driven out of young women. I had never seen a true example of strength. What blew my mind even more is when I found out that Sue had come from a very similar background to mine.

Sue Africa was born in the early 50's and was raised in Huntingdon Valley, a wealthy suburb of Philadelphia, PA. She came from a background of financial so-called security, her father an inventor of the election catapult seat and fireman and her mother a housewife. Sue grew up in a neighborhood that epitomized the American dream - a lifestyle that should have satisfied by all standards of this system. But she was not satisfied, she was a severe manic-depressant, a problem her mother had been battling for years. Like so many, Sue was dissatisfied with the sterile, unfeeling and lifeless lifestyle that is pushed as the dream by this system. As a result she was very sickly, with a life full of problems, from doctor to doctor, psychiatrist to psychiatrist.

In her early 20's Sue came in contact with the MOVE Organization. Struck by the warmth of MOVE people, the reality and life that relieve you like a breath of fresh air, she was in awe. From such a sterile, unfeeling environment to one with so much feeling, strength and urgency, the two worlds could not have been more different. When Sue heard the teachings of **JOHN AFRICA** she knew she had heard the truth and there was nothing that anyone from the past world could do to stop her. Despite alienation from relatives, her community and almost the entire white race, she stayed committed to the teaching of **JOHN AFRICA**. When other white people were intimidated to leave through severe beatings and jail sentences, were persuaded by bribery or submitted to racism, she continued to fight.

In 1978 many MOVE members went underground to Rochester, NY with MOVE founder **JOHN AFRICA**. There were illegal warrants out for the arrest of many of these people and Sue was one of them. In 1981 all of them were arrested including **JOHN AFRICA**. MOVE people were facing outrageous charges that could have resulted in hundreds of years in prison. **JOHN AFRICA** was brought up on fabricated



corpus to make it even more difficult for the innocent/wrongly convicted to obtain relief in the courts at the same time H.R. 4437 and other legislative proposals seek to make it even easier to deport more people, take away more rights from immigrants facing deportation, and make it harder for immigrants to become citizens of the United States -- a country started by settlers on indigenous land!

Mumia is ALL OF US, and we must continue to fight for peace and justice against racism, discrimination, war, and death! On April 29, 2006, there was an honoring ceremony outside of the city of Paris -- whose city council voted Mumia an honorary citizen in 2001, shortly before Judge Yohn's federal habeas decision which is now pending before the Third Circuit -- in the town of St. Denis, where they have constructed a thoroughfare leading into the largest arena in France: the Nelson Mandela Stadium. La Rue Mumia Abu-Jamal will serve as a con-

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stant reminder of the work of the PEOPLE on behalf of the voice of the voiceless.

In attendance was the mayor, deputy mayors, representatives of International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal, Free Mumia Abu-Jamal Coalition (NYC), and a large and very diverse group of individuals and organizations from France and the Caribbean.

Julia Wright, daughter of the late noted writer Richard Wright, speaks of the significance of this event as well as the 2003 granting of honorary citizenship to Mumia by the City of Paris, in a video which you can view at: <http://www.ville-saint-denis.fr/download/video/2006/10>

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*New Documentary - "MOVE" -

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tion proceedings where the defense offered evidence of coerced witness, questionable confessions, and faulty ballistics which was callously disregarded and illegally denied.

Ona Move! 2006 marks the 25th year of the incarceration of Black journalist, former Black Panther, father, and grandfather Mumia Abu-Jamal. Mumia remains on death row in Pennsylvania for a crime he did not commit, and the state of Pennsylvania continues to actively seek his legal lynching despite international support and evidence of his innocence.

In December 2005, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit agreed to review two additional issues raised on federal habeas corpus and in a subsequent appeal. The Court is now considering a total of four issues, three of which could lead to a new trial for Mumia and his ultimate release. These three constitutional issues address Mumia's right to a fair trial, due process of law, and equal protection of the law under the Fifth, Sixth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

In addition to their constitutional significance, the three issues currently before the Third Circuit also have another factor in common: bias. These issues shed light on the prosecutorial and judicial misconduct which occurred at Mumia's original trial in 1982 and during post-conviction proceedings, which were presided over by the original trial judge, Albert Sabo, who was overheard by a court stenographer to have said during a trial recess: "I'm going to help them fry the nigger." These issues relate to Prosecutor McGill's prejudicial jury summation that Mumia would have "appeal after appeal;" the unconstitutional use of peremptory challenges to exclude Blacks from serving on Mumia's jury; and, the impact of Sabo's racism on Mumia's rights to due process during post-convic-

The fourth issue before the Court is whether Mumia will get the benefit of a "Mills challenge" to his death sentence: that it is unconstitutional for jury instructions during sentencing to lead jurors to believe they cannot vote against the death penalty unless they all agree on the mitigating evidence which does not support a death sentence.

April 24, 2006 also marks the tenth anniversary of the Anti-Terrorism & Effective Death Penalty Act (AEDPA), which was signed into law on Mumia's birthday. The AEDPA is significant for two reasons: (1) it dramatically limited federal habeas corpus by reducing the filing deadline for habeas claims and narrowing the issues which can be reviewed by the courts; and, (2) it amended Section 212(c) of the Immigration and Nationality Act increasing the likelihood of deportation for any immigrant with virtually any criminal conviction that constitutes a ground of deportation: any aggravated felony, any controlled substances offense, any firearm offense, or any two crimes involving more turpitude w/sentences exceeding one year.

Why is this important? The AEDPA was touted as legislation that would "improve the fair and timely review of state court judgments by the federal courts" and "control illegal immigration," but ten years later Congress is AGAIN reviewing BOTH federal habeas and immigration policies in an effort to further curtail basic human rights. Current pending federal legislation (S. 1088 + H.R. 3035) is looking to further "streamline" federal habeas

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bomb making charges with Mo Africa as his co-defendant. **JOHN AFRICA** beat the charges setting precedent after precedent in a trial that was deemed **JOHN AFRICA** versus the System.

That same year Sue Africa went to trial before Judge McDermott, a notoriously racist judge who was also involved in the plot to frame Mumia Abu-Jamal. The police and judge attempted to sway Sue into leaving MOVE, trying to make a separation because she is white and most of MOVE's membership is people of color. First they attempted to bribe her by telling her that if she left she could go live with her parents, have a good job and she would never have to think of prison again. When Sue stood strong in her commitment to righteousness they were outraged and threats followed. They said "If you go to prison you will be beaten because you are white - even the other MOVE girls will turn on you" and "You'll never make it in prison". When Sue remained steadfast in her commitment to **JOHN AFRICA** the judge ordered that she be sent to a mental hospital. When all of these things failed it was time for trial. This trial amazed those in attendance leaving an impression to last a lifetime. One of those in attendance, Mumia Abu-Jamal, stated: "It was an amazing trial. When Sue read her closing statement it was if the judge was on trial. With every sentence he was sentenced and his guilt was made clear". The closing statement, written by **JOHN AFRICA** for Sue to read, hits you with the impact of a hurricane as it tears apart the illusion of white supremacy. This statement cannot be adequately described with my words though. The truth and power of **JOHN AFRICA**'s wisdom must be read to be understood. In this quote you will see how MOVE LAW ripped through the judicial lies.

"It is clear to everybody that you are not jailing MOVE for breaking the law, you are sending us to jail for revering true law, and every time you judges send a

MOVE person to jail, you make MOVE's point, and you make your decision pointless all my life I went to your schools, your churches, walked your streets, did things your way, all my life I read your books, spoke your language, studied your history, believed in your system, all my life I was deceived by your facade of law, isolated by your facade of protection, misinformed by your illusion of safety, insulated from the crime of the ghettos, thru the facade of suburbia, for all my life I have been deceived by the suburbs, the facade of quiet streets, private schools, Christian churches, and professional parents, all my life I've done things the way of the system, the way of America, the way you claim you believe in, and if your way was right, I would still be doing things your way"

One must only look to history to see how the US government reacts to whites going against the white supremacy that this nation was founded upon. For example, when John Brown attempted to lead a slave uprising in Harpers Ferry, VA in 1859 he was charged with treason not murder or conspiracy. The fact that they would call this act treason shows their mentality, that because this man was going against the institution of racism and slavery he was acting as a traitor to the US government. This opposition and unapologetic resistance by John Brown led to the gallows where he was lynched for his betrayal of whiteness.

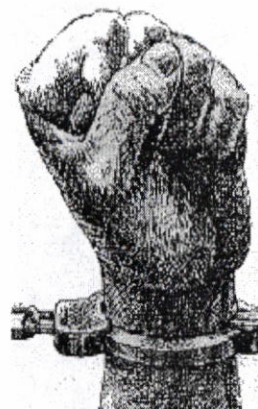
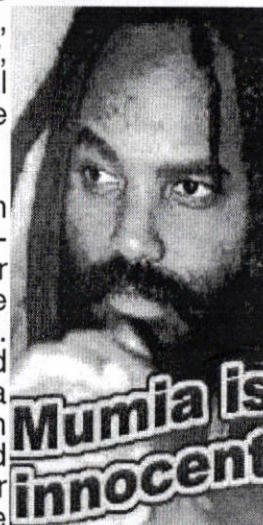
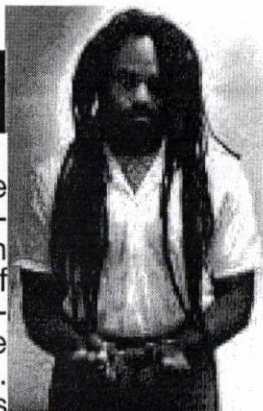
Over 100 years later, in 1981, Sue Africa was sentenced for the same crime. Sue served 12 years in prison and continues to be a shining example of **JOHN AFRICA**'s teaching. It is an unparalleled example set by MOVE's founder **JOHN AFRICA** in bringing together people of all cultures, colors and creeds and forging a family of love and resistance that has never backed down. This is the example that must be emulated, as our unity is this reform world system's demise.

Important December 6th Ruling in Mumia's Case Requires Major Action!

On December 6, 2005 a ruling was made by the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals reversing two critical Federal Court decisions in Mumia's case. They granted "certificates of appealability" to Mumia to challenge two additional issues. One issue is the defense alleged race and judicial bias in the 1995 PCRA proceedings. The second is the 1982 trial summation remarks of the state's lead prosecutor, Joseph McGill, who told the jury, "If you find the Defendant guilty, of course, there would be appeal after appeal and perhaps there could be a reversal of the case, or whatever, so that may not be final."

The case is now on the legal fast track. On January 17 the State of Pennsylvania was supposed to present its opening brief. However they have been granted an extension by the courts and will not be filing until mid March. Thirty days later the defense must respond (unless also granted an extension); followed by a series of rebuttals. The 10-person court will then issue a decision or set a date for a hearing and oral arguments. The Third Circuit could either order a new trial on all issues, send the case back to the Federal District Court to re-hear the issues, have a new PCRA hearing, give Mumia life in prison without parole, or totally deny the appeal and a death warrant could then be signed.

The December 6th decision by the 3rd Circuit Court of Appeals shows the power of this movement. For 24 years they have been trying to murder Mumia but have been stopped each time. People must not fall into their trap by thinking that the fight is over though. This decision must give us all encouragement and energy to keep fighting. This is ammunition to show people that clearly the courts have made mistakes. We cannot be lulled into believing that they intend to give Mumia justice. Just as Yohn's decision was used to divert people's attention and make people believe that Mumia



was not in danger anymore, this decision could be used in the same way.

Not long ago this government executed Frances Newton despite evidence of innocence. Just one week after the 3rd Circuit ruling Tookie Williams was executed in California despite evidence of innocence and a massive movement to save his life. The reality is that they can still throw the appeal out and set an execution date. The case is on the fast track which means that things will happen very quickly. Now more than ever is the time to fight, the time to organize. Mumia's life, our freedom depends on it!

TAKE ACTION NOW!

- 1) **Educate** - Contact the International Concerned Family and Friends of Mumia Abu-Jamal and receive copies of flyers and information books to distribute
- 2) **Stay Updated** by checking the website or calling our info number regularly. Email ICFFMAJ@aol.com and get added to our email list. Be ready to come to Philadelphia or set up demonstrations in your area at a moments notice.
- 3) Encourage your local **bookstores to order and stock Mumia's books**. Organize book readings or have Mumia's regular **commentaries** read or published. To hear commentaries go to www.prisonradio.org
- 4) Go to open mic's, poetry readings, political events and **speak out** about Mumia, the death penalty and political prisoners.
- 5) **Donate** funds to the movement! Send funds to: The National Black United Fund, 40 Clinton St., Newark, NJ 07102 - Checks must be earmarked "Mumia Organizing."
- 6) **Start your own local coalition** for justice for Mumia and let us know.

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